

"PRIESTESS," WELL KNOWN HERE, HAS BEEN ARRESTED FOR THEFT

Mrs. Melvor-Tyndall, priestess of the New Thought cult and well known in Honolulu, has been arrested in Chicago on the charge of stealing diamonds from Laura Wall Hudson, a Denver actress. The Denver Post of recent date has the following of interest to those who knew the "priestess" here:

That the woman to whom she gave shelter under her own roof and whose warm friendship with her husband she endured unquestioningly was incapable of making return in the same spirit is the explanation given by Mrs. Alexander Melvor-Tyndall, priestess of the New Thought cult and a former resident of Denver, for her arrest and detention in the Chicago police station on the charge of stealing \$800 worth of diamonds from Laura Wall Hudson, an actress.

Mrs. Melvor-Tyndall tells in detail of the friendship which existed between Dr. Alexander Melvor-Tyndall, her husband, and Miss Hudson during a space of several years, and which through her suffering, progressed unhindered, with the three living under one roof in New York; tells of how she took the jewels which the actress had committed to Tyndall for his use, to secure means with which to leave the house which had become to her no longer bearable.

Actress Becomes Jealous.

Mrs. Tyndall says that when her husband came to her after she fell ill in Chicago the woman left behind in the New York apartment became angry at his continued absence and swore out the warrant for the wife's arrest, but there is no place to be found in her story, any evidence of bitterness or vengeful spirit toward either of the two who, with her, form this interesting "triangle."

Laura Hudson is the daughter of Mrs. Emily Hughes, who was a familiar figure in the early days of Leadville and Denver.

The daughter, Laura, was known by the name of Smith. She was a beautiful girl and active in social life. Eleven years ago she was married to Herbert Wall, son of D. K. Wall, founder of the town of Golden, Colo., and Eliza T. Wall, who came to Colorado from South Bend, Ind., as local representative of the Studebaker Wagon Company. A girl was born and a year later Laura Wall obtained a divorce.

Willard Daughter \$10. Herbert Wall later married a young woman from Ohio, and to this union was born a son. In January, 1907, Wall died. His will, dated October, 1903, contained no provision of course, for his boy, who was not born until February, 1906. He left, to quote the in-

strument, "to the daughter of Laura E. S. Hughes, \$10." The bulk of his estate, which amounted to about \$60,000, was to be equally divided between his wife, Helen C. Wall, and his parents. When the will was presented for probate, D. K. and Eliza Wall signified before the court their wish to transfer their portion of the property to Herbert Dunkle Wall, their year-old grandson, and a caveat was filed to that effect.

Then came Eileen Wall, aged 8, child of the former marriage to Laura Hughes, and through her grandmother and next friend, Mrs. Emily Hughes, filed objections to the probate of the will, claiming her share in the estate as Herbert Wall's first child and only daughter. The matter was compromised within a few months by the grandparents, who paid the child \$500 as settlement in full.

TENEMENT HOUSE WORK AS MODEL

(Continued from Page 1). lining briefly Hawaii's social legislation and laying particular stress upon the juvenile law that was passed here, the appropriation for the salaries of the probation officers, the anti-tuberculosis campaign and the appropriation for filling in the low lands.

He later attended the Sagamore Sociological Conference at Sagamore Beach, taking part in the general discussions. These bore no reference to Hawaii.

The Mohonk conference, which was next in his itinerary, Mr. Rath declares was of little interest here, as it dealt entirely with delinquent peoples. He spoke at some length on Hawaiian conditions during the conference, however.

Following the Mohonk conference Mr. Rath spent the remainder of the summer in rest and recreation. During this period he embraced the opportunity to read extensively along the lines in which he is most interested.

In the fall he enrolled in the Springfield, Mass., Training School, where he took postgraduate work in sociology and economics.

Mr. Rath declares that the news of the garbled report of his lecture in Springfield first reached him in San Francisco. It was like a deluge out of a clear sky, he says, as he rested in blissful ignorance of the misrepresentation on the trip out to the Coast. He is unable to account for the story other than to believe that a man who accosted him after the lecture may have been responsible. This man, he says, declared that he was disappointed in the discourse, and when Mr. Rath, thinking to gain some valuable criticisms, asked him why, he declared that he had expected a slam at corporations, whereas he had heard only of social conditions in the islands. He is positive that no reporter from the Springfield Union, the paper which so flagrantly misrepresented the facts, was present at the lecture. A representative of the Republican, the rival paper, made his presence known after the meeting, and his report was correct with the exception of a few minor details.

Fortunately, Mr. Rath had sent a carbon copy of his lecture on to W. R. Castle, and after the garbled report had been reproduced here, space was given to the entire lecture, with the result that Honoluluans were satisfied that only economic questions were discussed and that there was no reference to either trusts or corporations.

Mr. Rath is preparing a summary of his Eastern observations, with special reference to possible local application.

This will be in the form of an official report, and he hopes to have it in the hands of the board of trustees of the Panama Settlement by January 16. He does not desire that any publicity be given facts until he has first submitted them for the approval of the directors.

Mrs. Rath, who accompanied her husband on the trip, remained in the East for the remainder of the winter.

BUSINESS MEN INVITED

(Continued from Page 1). set aside for the maintenance of roads in Honolulu district. Low declares that to divert eighteen thousand dollars from this source would work a great hardship on the city. He contends that the city streets and roads are in sore need of continued maintenance, and he will therefore oppose any effort made by Supervisors McClellan, Murray, Kruger and Amama to take money rightfully belonging to the support of Honolulu highways, and permit this sum to be transferred to an account for permanent improvements.

The road department is expected to come forward this evening with several recommendations for the improvement of streets. As a result of continuing agitation on the part of Mayor Fern, a storm drain has just been placed on Diamond Head road near Kapiolani Park. What was once a bog in rainy weather has now been converted into a passable road.

STANDARD OIL'S PLANT

(Continued from Page 1). larger than any of the oil-tankers now in the island trade. He expects the first consignment to reach here sometime shortly after the middle of January. The Atlas will make the trip in seven days.

The stock for the oil-wagons, that will distribute oil over the city, is on the Wilhelmina and the remainder of this system will arrive on the Lurline. Gasoline will be delivered to any part of the city, making a great convenience for owners of autos who have tanks at their own garages.

Mr. Richardson expects the big plant to be completed and in running order by February 1. It will ensure a supply of oil, gasoline or distillate here sufficient for any emergency.

HOOGS TO CHINA FOR IMMIGRANTS

(Continued from Page 1). Pacific Mail, T. K. K. and other steamship lines, as well as railway lines, and its connections will be valuable from a promotion and advertising standpoint.

He is also a member of the Republican Territorial central committee, and before he goes will arrange a proxy during his absence.

Mr. Hoogs desires to thank all of his friends for past patronage, and bespeaks their good-will and would like to have them continue with his successors.

Mr. Chapin is the controlling owner of the Concrete Construction Company, and it is his intention to wind up the affairs of this company in order that he may devote his entire time to the joint management of the Honolulu Construction and Draying Company's affairs with Mr. Belser. Mr. Belser, with Mr. Hoogs, originally founded the construction and draying company.

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GERRIT P. WILDER NOW LISTED AS AUTHOR

Gerrit Parmelee Wilder has placed his fund of information on Hawaiian fruits at public disposal by the publication of a volume entitled "Fruits of the Hawaiian Islands." This book is a valuable addition to the literature on the fruits of the islands and will soon be on sale at the books stores.

Mr. Wilder gives a brief description of each fruit. This is accompanied by a half tone illustration of the fruit, the flower and the leaf. The whole is arranged and so worded that one does not have to be acquainted with technical phrases and names to find the volume useful and instructive. In other words Mr. Wilder has put his facts in popular form without sacrificing any of the dignity of a specialist.

BLANCHARD TO GET MORE HELP

That there is to be an extension of the staff in the food commissioners department as predicted in the Bulletin last week is practically assured. This morning the Governor had a conference with Henry M. Loomis, chief of the Seattle department, who is at the present time inspecting conditions locally. He stated that in his opinion more men were needed here and also a larger field force.

During the conference the Governor and Mr. Loomis discussed several plans for handling the large amount of work that comes within the scope of the department and later Mr. Loomis will make his report to Washington. The Governor stated this morning that there would in all probability be a general redistribution of the work.

Governor Wilson of Kentucky has again refused to pardon Henry Yontsey, serving a life sentence for complicity in the murder of William Goebel.

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MAINE WRECK IS NOW CLOSED ISSUE

By C. S. ALBERT. (Special Bulletin Correspondence.) WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 15.—The final word on the destruction of the battleship Maine in Havana harbor February 15, 1898, has been said by the officials here. The Vreeland board of experts submitted its report, finding the vessel was blown up by an external explosion. It has been determined to accept this verdict as conclusive and make no further efforts to unravel the tragedy, which cost the lives of 260 officers and men. In announcing the opinion of the Vreeland board, Secretary Meyer said:

"The board finds that the injuries to the bottom of the Maine were caused by the explosion of a charge of a low form of explosive exterior to the ship between frames 28 and 30, strake B, port side.

"This resulted in igniting and exploding the contents of the six-inch reserve magazine, A-14-M, said contents including a large quantity of black powder.

"The more or less complete explosion of the contents of the remaining forward magazine followed. The magazine explosion resulted in the destruction of the vessel."

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